

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original) A crown closure comprising:  
a shell having an inside, a top, a skirt, a curved portion and a plurality of serrations which do not project into said curved portion;  
said curved portion disposed between said top and said skirt;  
a liner secured to said inside; and  
wherein said curved portion is adapted to be the same shape as the mouth contour of a bottle.
2. (Original) The crown closure of claim 1 wherein said curved portion has a radius greater than about 1.7 mm.
3. (Original) The crown closure of claim 1 wherein said curved portion has a radius of about 0.157 inches (4 mm).
4. (Original) The crown closure of claim 1 wherein said shell is manufactured from a blank having a diameter of about 1.4 inches (35.5 mm).
5. (Original) The crown closure of claim 1 wherein said shell is formed from a blank having a diameter less than about 1.4446 inches.
6. (Original) The crown closure of claim 1 wherein said shell has twenty serrations.
7. (Original) A closed container comprising:  
a bottle having a mouth;  
a crown closure secured over said mouth;  
said crown closure comprising:  
a shell having an inside, a top, a skirt, a curved portion and a plurality of serrations which do not project into said curved portion;  
said curved portion disposed between said top and said skirt;  
a liner secured to said inside; and

wherein said curved portion is adapted to be the same shape as the contour of said mouth.

8. (Original) The closed container of claim 7 wherein said curved portion has a radius greater than about 1.7 mm.

9. (Original) The closed container of claim 7 wherein said curved portion has a radius of about 0.157 inches (4 mm).

10. (Original) The closed container of claim 7 wherein said shell is manufactured from a blank, and said blank has a diameter of about 1.4 inches (35.5 mm).

11. (Original) The crown closure of claim 7 wherein said shell is formed from a blank having a diameter less than about 1.4446 inches.

12. (Original) The closed container of claim 7 wherein said shell has twenty serrations.

13. (Original) The closed container of claim 7 wherein:  
said bottle mouth includes an upper portion and a lower portion with a fulcrum therebetween; and  
said curved portion has a radius that is similar to said upper portion.

14. (Withdrawn) A method of producing crown closures comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a die press;
- b) providing metal sheets which may be die pressed into crown closures;
- c) using said die press to form blanks having a diameter of about 1.4 inches (35.5 mm); and
- d) using said die press to form crown closures using said blanks.

15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein:  
said crown closures include a shell having an inside, a top, a skirt, a curved portion and a plurality of serrations which do not project into said curved portion; and  
said curved portion has a radius of about 0.157 inches (4 mm).

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 14, wherein:  
said crown closures include a shell having an inside, a top, a skirt, a curved portion and a plurality of serrations which do not project into said curved portion; and  
said curved portion has a radius greater than about 1.7 mm.